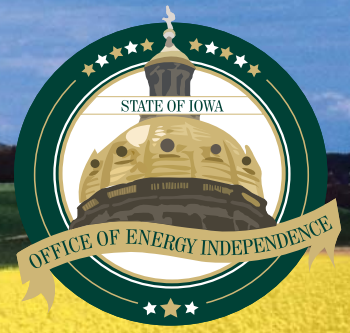


# Office of Energy Independence



Energy Independence Update

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## OEI Tracks New Administration's Energy Plans



Many state and federal agencies are anxiously waiting to review the content of the final economic stimulus package, especially the Iowa Office of Energy Independence. "Many of the most important provisions have to do with energy," said Sean Bagniewski of the Iowa Office of Energy Independence. "We look forward to the positive impacts of the stimulus package in the area of energy independence and economic development."

The Senate Finance Committee will be formally reviewing the stimulus package, called the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The plan calls for clean energy investments in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and biofuels, and will use these investments to put Americans back to work. Job growth for the total economic stimulus package includes: 3.7 million jobs created or saved by the end of 2010.

The Office will continue to monitor the updates and changes made to the stimulus package. For more information, contact Sean Bagniewski at: (515) 725-3997.

### EPA recognizes Power Fund

The Iowa Power Fund Board met yesterday and had a special guest who requested to speak to the board: Environmental Protection Agency's Region 7.

"This board, created by the state of Iowa, has had a big impact, not only in energy independence, but also about the future of the state of Iowa," said John Askew, Region 7 Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency. "This region is known as an agriculture and biofuels region, but will be very quickly known for agriculture, biofuels, wind, and energy independence."

Later, Askew continued the discussion and highlighted the importance of the Power Fund and its work in linking energy decisions with the environment, economy, and energy independence.

For more information about January's Power Fund Meeting, visit, <http://www.energy.iowa.gov>.

### Project Spotlight

**Company:** University of Northern Iowa

**Location:** Cedar Falls, IA

**Award:** \$51,456

**Private investment match:** -

The Power Fund Board approved financing to survey 21,000 Iowa residents regarding their knowledge, beliefs, attitudes, and levels of concern, use, affordability, and behaviors as they relate to energy issues. UNI completed the survey and submitted the raw data to the Office of Energy Independence (OEI). UNI submitted the final analysis on January 15, 2009, which is available online. (<http://www.energy.iowa.gov>)

